

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2000**

Present: Chairman George Russell, Directors' Bill Borrer, Ross Turner and Barbara McIver (9:31 a.m.) and Charles Willard (8:53 a.m.). Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Gary Plunkett, Director of Public Works, Stacy Cepello, Department of Water Resources, Burt Bundy, Sacramento River Conservation Area Coordinator and Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m..

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2000 MINUTES

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Borrer to approve the minutes. Carried with the members present 3-0 with 2 absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director McIver entered 8:31 a.m.

Roger Sherrill commented on the ACWA presentation at the State Water Resources Control Board workshop. The ACWA portion introduced a panel of hydro-geologists and engineers to explain the State Water Resources Control Board issue of groundwater and reclassification of subterranean flow and the potential impact on water right holders throughout the state unless they can work out reasonable criteria to define the difference between percolating groundwater and subterranean flow.

Director Borrer requested that with the budget process beginning shortly and that we are major contributors to two organizations, the Board invite policy makers of these two organizations to give a presentation so the Board can make a decision in the best interest of the County.

Director McIver concurred.

4. CLAIMS

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bill Borrer	\$25.00
Barbara McIver	25.00
George Russell	25.00
Charles Willard	25.00
Ross Turner	25.00
Day-Timer	10.99
Hatch & Parent(Research)	73.86
T.C. Clerk-Recorder(Charter Code Book Update)	75.00

T.C. Public Works (March 2000)	672.40
Ernie Ohlin (Expenses 2/25 thru 4/12/00)	957.92
UAP(Chemicals)	1,024.07
RCRC(Qtr Ending March 31)	2,500.00
T.C. Public Works(March 2000)	<u>4,229.89</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,669.13</b>

Director McIver questioned the Hatch & Parent invoice and balance of account for legal services.

Motion by Director Borrer and second by Director McIver to accept the claims as submitted. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

#### 5. URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION GRANT - AMENDED RESOLUTION

Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, recommended to the Board the adoption of the revised resolution due to the original authorization being signed by the Chairman. Resolution No. 99-2100-01 authorized the Director of Public Works to sign documents.

Motion by Director McIver and second by Director Turner to approve the Resolution No. 1-2000 allowing the "Chairperson" of the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District "also" is authorized to sign and accept grants for administration of grant funds. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

#### 6. AB 3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - UPDATE

Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the TAC, updated the Board on the proposed second year of operation of the TAC.

1. Discussion of comments by TCFC&WCD Board of TAC Annual Report.
2. Examining goals of years 2000 and 2001
3. Priorities examined by the TCFC&WCD Board
4. TAC meetings using speakers for water issues.
5. Subcommittee for funding accomplished - Serge Birk/Jim Lowden

Director McIver questioned how the TAC knows when goals have been met. Roger Sherrill explained the TAC looks at the bylaws, where the Plan is going and tries to focus on top priority items as individual goals to move to thru the year. Most of the goals are "end oriented."

Director Willard entered 8:53 a.m.

#### 7. CALFED GRANT APPLICATION FOR WOODSON BRIDGE AREA

Ernie Ohlin explained the change in this agenda item as DWR does not have the staff to continue to move forward with this CALFED Grant Application.

Stacy Cepello, Department of Water Resources, discussed the Woodson Bridge project which has been in development for several years. DWR completed its follow-up study of alternatives to post palisades.

Last year a proposal was submitted by DWR through CALFED with the “blessing” of SB 1086 Advisory Counsel which was not chosen for funding by CALFED. Stacy Cepello stated he was under the impression that DWR could resubmit the proposal, but CALFED has changed their submittal and proposal process. The proposal must be in the form of an adaptive management experiment with statements as to the hypothesis being tested in the scientific uncertainty within the context of the conceptual model.

It was anticipated as many as ten proposals on the Sacramento River would be presented to the Advisory Counsel for review. At this time there are none. There are several County concerns to be resolved with the Woodson Bridge proposal. In addition, DWR has a staff shortage.

1. CALFED wants letters of support, notification and actual confirmation of access to property where activities will take place.
2. Long-term maintenance obligation
3. Long-term emergency repair of the site. What federal or state agencies would be responsible.
4. Issues related to the Corps. (§1135 project in process which proposes to remove county maintenance obligation from the site that no longer served their original purpose)

Burt Bundy added that through the Corps of Engineers Comprehensive Study some of the background is being done in coordination with DWR such as modeling efforts upstream of the site.

Stacy Cepello said that part of the original proposal required that there be hydraulic studies to determine what possible down stream affects would be on private property owners. The Comprehensive Study has funded the typography that needs to be developed up front.

Staff requested the ability to move forward with this issue and continue to work with DWR and the 1086 Committee. When funding becomes available it will be presented to the TCFC&WCD Board for consideration. Issues such as maintenance and liability will be reviewed during the interim time.

Chairman Russell asked the Board if there was any objection to staff continuing to work with DWR on a solution to the problem.

Staff felt that statewide, there will be issues to be resolved on the new CALFED application process. We should remain engaged as we want to provide local input and be part of the solution as CALFED moves along.

Director Willard expressed that “we want to be part of the solution” was not particularly his opinion.

As DWR could not at the time move forward with the grant application, there was no motion made on this item. However, the Board felt that staff could continue to remain involved with agencies regarding the Woodson Bridge issue.

## 8. ANADROMOUS FISH RESTORATION PROPOSAL (AFRP) - UPDATE

Ernie Ohlin updated the Board on the AFRP projects in the County. Comments have been submitted to U.S. Fish & Wildlife regarding the AFRP for Mill Creek and Deer Creek and it was expressed that their environmental documentation was not complete. Staff has also been involved with the Butte Creek AFRP Proposal in Butte County.

With regard to the Orange Cove Irrigation District (OCID) proposal, a copy of the newly released document is available for review. The final draft for comment will be released for public comment in June. Staff will ask the TAC to also review the newly release document.

Once the review is completed, Director Turner asked staff to outline important issues in the document for the Board.

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDING SOLUTIONS MEETING IN RELATIONSHIP TO PROP 218

Ernie Ohlin discussed the presentation later today by Harris and Associates regarding Future Funding Solutions and special effects from California Prop 218. Residents from Dairyville, Corning and Red Bluff have been invited including the City and County Officials. An invitation to the members was extended.

#### 10. CALFED UPDATE

Ernie Ohlin discussed his involvement with Chico State University, RCD, NRCS and DWR to move forward with a CALFED application for funding countywide Arundo-Donax eradication. Staff requested the Board approve moving forward with this issue and to be as a component in the application. Applications are due on May 15, 2000.

Director Borrer felt it was difficult to support without information.

It was the consensus of the Board that once information is received from Chico State, staff could present the information to the Board informally. Staff could then agendize this issue on the Board of Supervisors May 9, 2000 meeting for approval.

Director Willard questioned backup material from NCWA with regard of Legislation support on AB 1741. It was Director Willard's understanding that it essentially holds harmless anyone who does an interbasin transfer, and specifically says that there can be no finding of damage to legal users. This

disagrees with our own ordinance.

Ernie Ohlin discussed AB 1741 which allows transfer of water within a basin. Staff understands RCRC

had concerns with regard to groundwater and is opposing the Bill, but was not sure what their concerns were. Staff asked if position or reasons for opposition were available in writing for review. Director Willard stated none was available to his knowledge.

No action was taken on this item.

11. ADJOURN

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.